

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1 - 20 are objected to. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The claims were objected to because of informalities. In response, claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to address the informalities.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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